

Dec. 10, 2018

Chairman  
Hon. Ajit Pai, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC, 20544

Hon. Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner  
Hon. Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
Hon. Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Dear Chairman Pai:

I am writing to support the Comments of Brattleboro Community Television, Inc. (File ID 1113560010350) and to disapprove of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05-311.

3GC is a small nonprofit organization serving a rural area near Brattleboro, Vermont. BCTV and other PEG stations are a very important way for us to let residents of these communities know about the services we offer. We connect youth and elders through volunteering, and we rely on free outreach methods such as community access PSAs.

Furthermore, **we understand the importance of the media in our democracy. The commercial trend of consolidating media outlets means that there are fewer ways for people to get the variety of information that we need.** Meanwhile, the economic trend of stagnating wages means that fewer local residents can afford to donate to organizations like BCTV that provide much-needed services.

Please consider the importance of the public good. **The big media corporations do not need to make a larger profit while the public good gets trampled upon. If Comcast wants to save money, they can cut down on the repeated tiresome mailings and phone calls trying to sell us things that we already told them to stop contacting us about.**

PEG Access enables residents of our rural region to create and watch uniquely local programming about our area and local events and issues. And that was the intent of the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act – to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen our local democracy. By defining “franchise fee” in an overly broad fashion to include “in-kind” support, the FCC's proposals will shift the fair balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators – something that was never the intent of the Act – and could ultimately result in such reduction in franchise fees as to defund PEG Access in our state.

Please protect PEG Access in our community and others by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice. I appreciate your time to consider this. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Co-founder